



SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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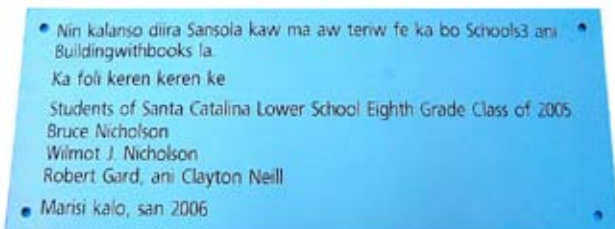


SANTA CATALINA LOWER SCHOOL SUPPORTS SCHOOLS3



Over the past three years, middle school students (including graduated eighth grade classes and Student Council) have been able to donate more than \$3000 to the *Schools3* program, helping to build schools in either Africa or Central America. Middle School students are supporting the *Schools3* program through Snack Shack proceeds.

Earlier this year, we received a communication from Dr. Jon Raggett, Director of *Schools3*, letting us know that the school in Mali has been completed with the help of our contributions. In the village of Sansola, 25 km from Bougouni with a population of 850, the school was built in 84 days at the cost of \$14,000. A plaque on the school wall in the Bambara language (translated for us by one of our Grade 7 parents, Dr. Seth Pollack) reads:



This classroom was given to the people of Sansola through our friends who came from "Schools3" and "Building with Books." May our blessings "prosper" "grow" or "help them prosper." Students of Santa Catalina Lower School Eighth Grade Class of 2005

We are indeed grateful to Dr. Raggett and his organization for affording our students the opportunity to be a part of the "bigger picture." To reach beyond their immediate world and to see the results of their efforts is enlightening and reaffirming as they begin to understand more fully their responsibilities as thoughtful citizens of the global community.

What's Ahead

- Grade 3 to Eagle Watch tour at San Antonio, Thursday, February 1, 7:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Service League Board Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2:00 p.m.
- No School Current Kindergarten (Kindergarten Screening), Friday, February 2.
- Grades 4 and 5 Lyceum Spelling Bee, Saturday, February 3.

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BASKETBALL SCORES

Date Opponent Score

1/25	San Carlos	Grade 6 Girls	T 14-14
		Grade 6 Boys	T 26-26
1/25	MBC	Grade 7/8 Girls	W 16-4
		Grade 7/8 Boys	W 56-12

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- 2/6 Stevenson@Catalina, Grade 6 Boys at 3:45 (make-up).
- 2/8 Grade 7/8 Boys and Girls is cancelled.

CARLINE

A reminder to all that page 7 of the Santa Catalina Lower School Family Handbook states that all drivers must stay in their cars throughout dismissal. We also ask that you leave carline and park elsewhere if you need to send your child back to the classroom or if you need to load items such as bicycles, etc., into your car. Adherence to these procedures allows us to provide the safest possible environment for your children and also ensures that the carline proceeds in an efficient manner. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

APRIL 2 - A DAY TO HONOR GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS

Every other year at this time, Santa Catalina Lower School students prepare an enjoyable day celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends. On Monday, April 2, guests will be treated to a delightful program and have an opportunity to get to know the campus, teachers, and classmates of their loved ones. To ensure that your child's guests are invited in a timely manner, a form is being sent home with your child to provide us with information. Please return it to school by Friday, February 23. We will invite only those guests included on this form. Thank you for your assistance as we make every effort to invite all Grandparents and Special Friends – even those who may not be able to attend – on this treasured and most important day!

RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDER

Contracts for next year's enrollment will be sent to parents on February 1. We ask that these be returned to school by February 19, 2007.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Join Rip Squeak and his friends at the Cannery Row Gallery, 685 Cannery Row, Monterey, for storytime every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Free popcorn. Please RSVP 831.643.9999.
- Saklan Valley School and its Parent Association are proud to present Madeline Levine, Ph.D., on Tuesday, February 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Oakwood Athletic Club Grand Ballroom, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA. Dr. Levine will speak on *The Price of Privilege: How parental pressure and material advantage are creating a generation of disconnected and unhappy kids*. There

What's Ahead, continued.

- Grade 6 Girl Scouts, Monday, February 5, Service League Cottage, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
- Grade 2 Brownies, Tuesday, February 6, Service League Cottage.
- Grade 3 Brownies, Tuesday, February 6, 3:15–4:30 p.m.
- Grade 3 Biography Night, Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Spoken Word Festival, Grades 6–8, Thursday, February 8, 10:30 a.m., (C Schedule).
- Service League Coffee, Thursday, February 8, at 8:00 a.m., Hacienda Dining Room.
- Middle School Dance, Friday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., MPR.
- ERB testing, Grades 2–8, week of February 12–February 16.

INVITATION FROM THE SERVICE LEAGUE - A MORNING COFFEE

Please drop by the Hacienda Dining Room on Thursday, February 8, at 8:00 a.m. for a social morning coffee. This casual event is a great way to catch up with friends and meet some new parents. Everyone is invited to attend. Sister Claire will speak for a short time and there will be information about the Carnival and next year's wine auction. We hope to see you there!

SPELLING BEE RESULTS

We are proud to say that Grade 5 students Andrew Kihs and Lily Patterson took first and second place in the oral Lyceum Spelling Bee at Santa Catalina on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, and will be competing in the final spelling competition that will be held at San Benancio School on Saturday, February 3, 2007. Grade 4 student Lauren Mendoza will be our first alternate and Grade 5 student Kaysha Nguyen will be our second alternate.

We commend all of the students who took part in the spelling competition for their hard work and dedication.

will be a book signing after the event. This is a free event open to the public. Please RSVP at www.saklan.org.

- Payne Stewart Youth Golf Exhibition delivered by AT&T, Wednesday, February 7, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Pebble Beach Driving Range. Free admission/gate fee is waived. www.attpbgolf.com or www.montereypeninsulafoundation.org.

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